

Making “On Time” Connections For Students with Developmental Disabilities

Anytime

Apply to become a client at the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD).

Why?

You may want these service options when your son/daughter turns 21. Long term job coaching support is based on availability of funding.



www.dshs.wa.gov/ddd/



Age 15-16

Apply for a Washington State ID card.

Why? It will be needed to apply for adult services



Get an ID card at your local department of licensing.

Age 17-19

Apply for HUD Housing.

Why?

The wait list for housing can be very long, so it is important to apply early.



Age 17-17 1/2

Consider if guardianship is necessary and determine the type of guardianship.

Why?

Age 18 is the age of majority (becoming a legal adult) and your son/daughter may need support making legal, medical and vocational decisions.

*Most people get help from a private lawyer to establish guardianship. Call the **ACRC of Washington** for more information about this process.*



Age 18

If your child does not receive **Social Security Benefits** — apply now !!!

Why?

He or she is now an adult and parents' income is not counted. He/she may be eligible for cash and medical benefits. There are many provisions available, called WORK INCENTIVES, that allow people with disabilities to keep benefits, Including Medicare/Medicaid, while working.

He or she needs to pay rent to the family in order to maximize all benefits.



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If your son or daughter is a client of DDD and family provides personal care (helping with bathing, grooming, dressing, laundry, etc.) — ask your DDD case manager about **Medicaid Personal Care** funding.



Young Men Age 18

Register for Selective Services.

Why? It's the law. Also, if planning to apply for financial aid to attend college, applying for Selective Service is required.



HOW?

- Apply on line at: <http://www.sss.gov>
- Get a form from your local post office
- Return the form that comes in the mail

Senior Year

Fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

If seeking aid to attend college, this form must be filled out by March 1 of Senior year for best consideration.



www.fafsa.ed.gov

Age 19-21 (or your last year of school)

Apply for services with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR).

Why?

This is the first agency that helps people with disabilities with work or training and understand how working will effect any of their benefits.



www.dshs.wa.gov/dvr/

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Apply for job search assistance with WorkSource Youth Services.

Why?

This is the local program that can help self-directed job seekers find part time and/or summer employment to help develop work skills.



www.go2worksource.com

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Call for local transit system information, including Travel Training and Dial-A-Lift eligibility.

Why?

This is free, individualized training to help people safely navigate the community.



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Apply for services from the Center for Independence.

Why?

This organization provides advocacy, benefit planning and support for independent living skills development.



www.centerforindependence.org